



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



August/September 2024

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

A huge congratulations to our children who have returned to school ready for their lessons with enthusiasm and a wonderful attitude to learning. Thank you to our staff who have worked very hard to prepare classrooms and to plan lovely first week lessons and activities. It is always a delight to have the St Brigid's family together again. We have had a very calm start to the 2024-25 academic session. I have been particularly impressed by our new P1 children who have settled in extremely well and are already becoming used to our school routines. Mrs Din, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Walsh are so impressed!

Every year, I update our class photos in the school foyer and as such the photographer is booked for class and individual photos on Wednesday 21st of August. **Please make sure your child/ren is/are in their uniform on Wednesday even if it is their scheduled PE day.**

In this first newsletter of the year, you will be reminded of the information of the practical arrangements which you need to know about as we continue to work in ensuring that St Brigid's Primary is a safe and purposeful learning environment for our children.

This session, we also welcome new staff and some familiar faces back to our school and hope that they quickly feel part of our St Brigid's family. Mrs McShane, who returned from maternity cover at the end of last session takes responsibility for P7, Miss Rebecca Gallagher has returned to us and takes over responsibility for P6/5, Mr White is with us in P4b, Mrs Frances Callaghan takes over in P3/2. Mrs Din has returned from her career break and will job share in P1b with Mrs Walsh, Mrs O'Neill has returned from her maternity leave and will cover planning and preparation time. Finally, Miss Cook joins us in P5.

In June 2024, we waved goodbye to our P7 class of 2024. We wish them the best of luck as they continue their education in secondary school.

As ever, we will endeavor to keep you as up to date as much as possible with what is happening in school through our newsletters, our website and our X page. Over the next few weeks, I will send out a copy of our Standards & Quality report which will highlight our successes during session 2023-24.

If you require to speak to a member of school management about an issue then please contact Mrs Smith (Head of School) if your child is in P1-P3 and Mrs Moretti (DHT) if your child is in P4-P7.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that there should be no adults in the upper school playground at the beginning and end of the day. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please come to the school office.

I look forward to another wonderful year of learning with new and exciting opportunities for our school community. As ever, I thank you all in anticipation of your usual fantastic support.

Paul Cassidy Executive Head Teacher

School Photographs

A photographer will visit the school on Wednesday 21st of August to take class and individual photographs of the children.



We will coordinate sibling group photos in the school so there is no need to contact. If you wish to bring a nursery child, an older sibling or wish for cousins to be photographed together, please contact the office to arrange a time.

Proofs will be sent home soon after. There is no obligation for parents/carers to purchase the photographs.

Please make sure your child/ren is/are in their uniform on those dates even if it is a scheduled PE day for them.

Physical Education (PE) in St Brigid's



All P4-P7 children will wear their full school uniform every day and will use the changing rooms to change for PE activities. This year, **for P1, P2 and P3 only** we are piloting allowing children to attend school in their PE kit on the two days that they have PE. On PE days only, they should attend school wearing a plain white or plain pale blue polo shirt or t-shirt with plain black or grey jogging bottoms or leggings.

For PE, P4-P7 children should wear a plain pale blue or white polo shirt. Please do not send your child to school with football tops or logoed/designer items.

Children should not wear jeans, crop tops or tight clothing.

Here are the PE days for each class—please note that these days are subject to change and that any changes will be communicated by the class teacher.

P1a	Monday/Wednesday
P1b	Wednesday/Thursday
P2	Wednesday/Thursday
P3/2	Wednesday/Thursday
P3	Monday/Wednesday
P4a	Monday/Friday
P4b	Monday/Tuesday
P5	Wednesday/Thursday
P6/5	Monday/Thursday
P7/6	Thursday/Friday
P7	Monday/Thursday

Please remember no PE kit on Wednesday 23rd of August because of the class photos!



Classes and Teachers for session 2024/25

P1a	Mrs K Simpson (Principal Teacher)
P1b	Mrs L Din/Mrs Walsh
P2	Miss S Kavanagh
P3/2	Mrs F Callaghan
P3	Mrs V Colrain (Acting Principal Teacher)
P4a	Mr S Walker
P4	Mr G White
P5	Miss C Cook
P6/5	Miss R Gallagher
P7/6	Mr J Woods (Acting Principal Teacher)
P7	Mrs D McShane
Art	Ms M Jones
Science	Mrs N O'Neill
Support	Mrs Z Ahmad



High Expectations—School Uniform

The children look very smart in their new uniforms. Please continue to support our full uniform policy as this helps children to feel included and to be proud of their school.



- ✓ Pale blue school shirt (not a fashion variation)
- ✓ School tie or P7 tie (both available from the school office)
- ✓ Grey skirt or grey tailored school trousers
- ✓ Plain grey v-neck pullover or cardigan
- ✓ Grey socks or tights
- ✓ Black gym shoes for PE days
- ✓ Simple hair accessories

Parent Portal

All Glasgow City schools are going/have gone digital and as such Parent Portal will be used for a variety of purposes for example, to pay for all meals, school trips, concert tickets, uniform, dress down days, complete permission slips as well as the ability to change your details such as your address, phone numbers and e-mails.

Information on how to access Parent Portal has been sent out with this Newsletter.

If you have any issues, please contact the school office.

Parent Council Annual General Meeting

We are hoping to welcome new members of the Parent Council this session.

A date for the Annual General Meeting will be published shortly. It will likely be late September/early October.

A reminder

I would also appreciate your cooperation in not bringing dogs with you on the school run as many of our children can become anxious.

School Lunches & Breakfast Club



Free school meals P1-P5

A reminder that all P1-P5 children are entitled to a free school meal. Those children who qualify for a free school meal in P6-P7 must apply on-line at www.glasgow.gov.uk

Meals can be purchased at a cost of £1:90 per day and breakfast club is £2 per day.

You do not need to register for the Breakfast Club and it is open from 8:00am and is accessed through the infant playground, with children going straight into the dinner hall.

Daily menus can be accessed on Parent Pay.

P1 Evening Times First Day at School 2024

Please make sure all P1 children are in full school uniform on Tuesday 27th August when a photographer from the Evening Times will take their class photo for the annual First Day at School feature.

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School Holidays 2024/2025

September

Friday, 27 September and Monday, 30 September 2024
(September weekend holiday)

October

Friday, 11 October 2024 (In-Service Day)
Monday, 14 to Friday, 18 October 2024 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 20 December 2024
Monday, 23 December 2024 - Friday, 3 January 2025
(Christmas holidays)

January

Schools return on Monday, 6 January 2025

February

Monday, 17 February 2025
Tuesday, 18 February 2025
Wednesday, 19 February 2025 (In-service day)

April - Easter Holiday

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 4 April 2025
Monday, 7 April - Monday, 21 April 2025 (Spring Break)
Schools return on Tuesday, 22 April 2025

May

Monday, 5 May 2025 (May Holiday)
Thursday, 22 May 2025 (In-service day)
Friday, 23 May 2025 and Monday, 26 May 2025 (May Weekend)

June

Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday, 25 June 2025

Ragbag Collection

This term's Ragbag collection will be on the 2nd of September.
Please donate any old clothes and fabrics to the school and we can turn this into fund for the school the Ragbag scheme.

Flu Vaccination

This year's nasal Flu Vaccination will take place on Monday 23rd of September. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Health and Safety

We are a nut free school due to allergies so please do not send your child to school with nut products.

Also, Jewellery must not be worn on PE days. We are not allowed to support children to remove jewellery.

After School Care

If you need to access afterschool care provision, then please contact either

After the Bell out of School Care (based in Toryglen Primary School)

Contact: Daynoor Muldoon
Phone: 07543109108
Email: afterthebellosc@gmail.com



or **GAP Childcare, Govanhill**

Contact: Jacqueline Gray
Phone: 0141 424 0448
Alternative Phone: 07702654290
Email: gapchildcare@btconnect.com



Please see information on last page about the absence reporting processes and procedures.

Partnerships

Throughout the year, we will work with many partners to ensure that we give our children as many opportunities as possible—this includes our many Sports' Clubs.



Also, our school counsellor Maggie Payne will continue to work for us as a freelance counsellor working with our children to ensure their mental wellbeing as this results in motivated and happy children who are ready to learn.

In addition, each class will have the opportunity to work with and alongside Urban Roots to increase our Outdoor Learning Programme.

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Parent Council email address:

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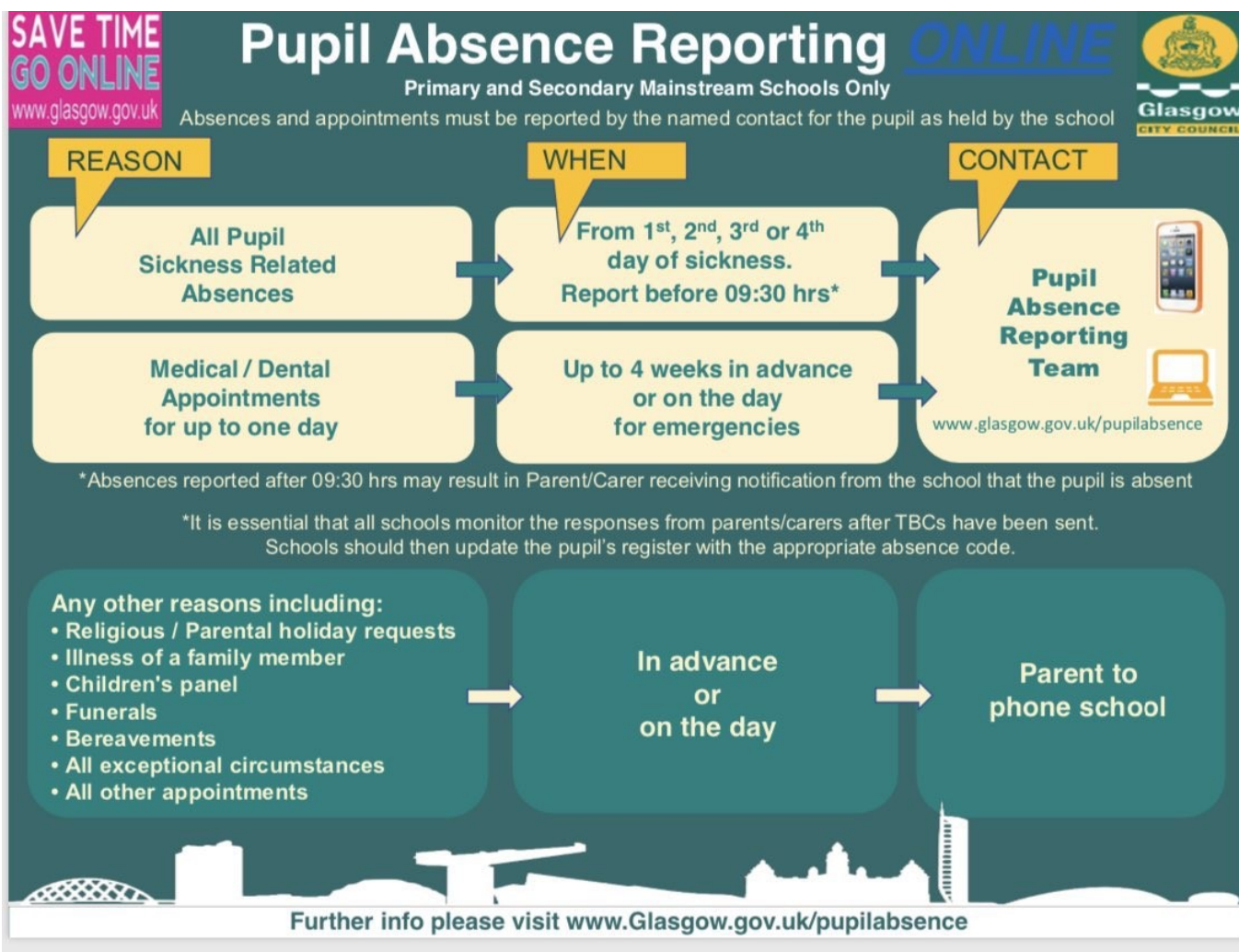


Parent visits to classes 2024-25

Instead of the meet the teacher event this year, you are invited to come to your child's class to see them learning and to take part in activities.

Please report to the school office at the date and time below and you will be escorted to the class. **You do not need to book a place.** If you are not available, perhaps an aunt, uncle, grandparent etc could attend on your behalf. We can only have one person attending due to space. **Please note we do not have any facilities for looking after younger children.** Also, a reminder that this will be a general chance to visit the class and that individual issues should be directed to a Senior Manager as the teachers will be too busy teaching.

Class	Date	Time
P1a	Monday 26th of August	9:15
P1b	Tuesday 27th of August	9:15
P2	Tuesday 27th of August	11:00
P3/2	Monday 26th of August	11:00
P3	Monday 26th of August	9:30
P4a	Tuesday 27th of August	9:30
P4b	Monday 26th of August	1:15
P5	Monday 26th of August	9:45
P6/5	Tuesday 27th of August	9:45
P7/6	Monday 26th of August	2:10
P7	Monday 26th of August	11:00



Pupil Absence Line

Phone: 0141 287 0039
Website: www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence

E-mail addresses & Communication



We have moved to a majority paperless system for communicating developments and celebrating successes in school.

Please use this box to write your e-mail address clearly and in large lettering so that there is no confusion with letters, numbers or dots. Please return to school as soon as possible; you only need to return this slip not the whole newsletter. **This is for new P1 parents/carers and those of you who do not currently receive e-mails.**

Your name: _____ Child/ren's name/s: _____

Your e-mail: _____